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| In Re Application of:<br>Kevin Petrarca, et al.  | January 14, 2004  |
|  | Examiner: not assigned  |
| Serial No. Not assigned<br>Filing Date: 1/14/04  | Group Art Unit: not assigned  |
| Title: ENCAPSULATED METAL<br>STRUCTURES FOR<br>SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES AND<br>MIM CAPACITORS INCLUDING<br>THE SAME | IBM Corporation<br>2070 Route 52<br>Dept. 18G, Bldg. 300-482<br>Hopewell Junction<br>New York 12533 |

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner For Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following preliminary amendment into the file of the above-identified divisional application prior to the examination thereof.